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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : CORONA Photographic Evaluation Reports

REFERENCE : [redacted] dated 3 December 1962

1. The existing photographic evaluation reports were established by the coordinated efforts of [redacted] CSA, and NPIC at the beginning of the CORONA program. These reports are prepared by NPIC [redacted] as a service to the project. Distribution has been controlled by [redacted]

2. The established procedure which permits contractors the earliest possible engineering look at the take has given us a quick reaction capability on fixes many times in the past. Since the product is controlled under the T-KH facility and NPIC is staffed and equipped to provide this kind of data whereas CSA is not so equipped, continuation of this procedure with the published explanation is in the interests of the project.

3. [redacted] from NPIC coordinated the basic draft of the attached memorandum from Mr. Lundahl with [redacted] prior to its submission. Inclusion within the report of contractor comments were [redacted] suggestion. To date the report has been strictly a one way document, that is, from the user to the Configuration Control Board and the contractors involved only. The addition of contractor comments through the Configuration Control Board representatives would provide NPIC with basic data to answer questions which always arise from other users. Frequently, the other using agencies do not have operational clearances and have in the past sent numerous complaints to this office as well as to NPIC. [redacted] felt that if a brief explanation of problems and malfunctions were known by the other users and at least some brief explanation of action being taken to correct such problems, it would stop such letters of complaint. In fact, these letters of complaint have dwindled down to a trickle to the present time.

4. The only comment that I might make to Mr. Lundahl would be in relation to coordinating the contractor comments with CSA prior to

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publishing the report. Since we have control of distribution and it is [redacted] understanding that it is NPIC's intention to coordinate contractor comments, he feels that NPIC is not attempting to usurp any of our prerogatives but rather should be commended for their excellent work in this area which has significantly contributed to the success of the CORONA program.

for JACK C. LEDFORD
Colonel USAF
Assistant Director
(Special Activities)

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